(b) As the reported statements of the Pakistani diplomat appeared to be strident and provocative the matter was brought to the notice of the Pakistan High Commission in Delhi. The concerned official in the Pakistan High Commission has since clarified to the Government that several of the statements attributed to him were inaccurate reflections of what he had actually said.

[*English*]

Petrol Pumps in Delhi

4654. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps in Delhi that were checked during the last 12 months to detect adulteration, hoarding, black marketing, less weighment, etc.;

(b) the outcome of such checkings;

(c) the number of persons/families owning more than one petrol pump and gas agency in Delhi;

(d) the reasons for sanctioning more than one agency to one person/family; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure that not more than one such agency is sanctioned to a person/family?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) 237

(b) Erring dealers are dealt according to the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

(c) to (e). Policy guidelines issued in Sept. 1977 prohibits award of such dealerships. 43 cases are reported to have been in existence prior to Sept. 1977.

[*Translation*]

Supply of Jawaharlal Nehru Canal Water to Khetri Copper Project

4655. SHRI AYUB KHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to supply water of the Jawahar Lai Nehru Canal to the Khetri Project in order to check the ground water level of the area from going down; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Haryana Government has informed that there has neither been any such demand from Khetri Copper Project nor is there any such provision made in the Jawahar Lal Nehru Canal Project which presently is only 2 non–perennial canal.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Involvement of Private Sector in Oil and Natural Gas Fields

4656. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to offer some of the existing small and marginal oil and natural gas fields to the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the terms and conditions laid down

for offering the same to the private sector; and

(d) to what extent the production of oil is likely to increase as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (d). While a decision in principle in this regard has been taken the terms and conditions are yet to be determined.

Krishi Vigyan Kendras

4657. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the training programmes demonstrations etc. organised by the Krishi Vigyan Kendras during 1990–91;

(b) the expenditure incurred during 1990–91 on these programmes and the financial allocation therefor during 1991–92.

(c) whether any independent review has been made regarding the cost–effectiveness of running these Kendras;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Sir, During the year 1990–91, 9516 Composite Vocational Training Courses were organised to train 207, 446 farmers, farm women, school drop–outs and field level extension workers.

The KVK also conducted 3413 demonstrations on important cereal crops and allied areas and benefitting 1,43,437 farmers, farm women and rural youths.

(b) A sum of Rs. 813.13 lakhs has been incurred on these programmes during the year 1990–91. The financial allocation for the year 1991–92. The financial allocation for the year 1991–92 Rs. 800 lakhs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In the past, the functioning of KVK has been reviewed twice by the following two Committees;

(i) High Level Evaluation Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. P. Bhattacharya, Ex–Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Government of India in the year 1980.

(ii) Joint FAO–ICAR Consultancy Mission in 1987.

Both these Evaluation Committees have appreciated the functioning of KVKs and were impressed by their utility to the farmers, farm women and rural youths in providing training and helping them to adopt latest agricultural technology.

(e) Does not arise.

Financial Assistance to CIL

4658. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance provided to Coal India Ltd. by the Union Government during the last two years, year–wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to stop this financial assistance; and